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### POPULISTS AGREE TO FUSE.

MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD MEMBERS OUT-  
VOTED AT JEFFERSON CITY.

State Committee Practically Reads J. Waller Long Out of the Party—Party Mischief Makers Condemned—By a Vote of 24 to 21, the Committeemen Agree to Fight for Free Silver Without Regard to Party Lines.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 23.—The populist committee met here yesterday and had an exciting session. At midnight the committee was still in executive session, and excited orators could be heard for half a block. It was a bitter fight between that element of the populist party of the state led by Chairman Rozelle of the state central committee, and the middle-of-the-road crowd, who do not want to win and are opposed to fusion under any circumstances.

There was a large attendance from all parts of the state, each side having gotten out its full strength. Rozelle presided over the meeting. There is a faction of the populist party that is fighting the men who led the party during the past campaign out of pure jealousy. They are afraid that they are going to be recognized in some way, and are angry, for the same reasons which prompted the dog in the manger to bite the horse's nose.

J. Waller Long has been the loudest in his fight against Rozelle and the other leaders, and some time ago a committee was appointed to investigate the charges made by Mr. Long. The committee made its report to day, and practically reads J. Waller Long out of the party. Here is the report made by this committee:

"We, your grievance committee, beg to report as follows: That the charges against J. Waller Long, member of the populist state committee for the first district are sustained with respect to publishing false and malicious charges against the chairman and secretary of the state central committee, and pursuing a course calculated to divide and disorganize the reform forces of the state. We further find that J. Waller Long has, from his own testimony, persistently antagonized Messrs. Rozelle and Carroll, and done everything possible to reflect upon them both publicly and privately. He is a disturbing element in our party, crying aloud for harmony, while willfully creating discord and trying by all possible means to block the wheels of progress, allowing his personal spleen to interfere with his public duty and party fealty."

Long was present to-day with his war paint on, and made a spread eagle speech in defense of himself. But it did him no good. The resolution was adopted by a large majority. This was the first victory for the fusion forces.

George T. Demaree of Kansas City, has it in for Rozelle, and the fear that the chairman of the populist state committee is to be the next labor commissioner caused him to introduce a resolution indorsing Lee Merriweather, the present commissioner, for reappointment. The resolution met with no support, and was killed sans ceremony. This was another victory for Rozelle.

The big fight came to night, however, when the future of the populist party in the state came up for discussion. The committee knew the fight was coming, so the hall was cleared, and the committee went into executive session. Chairman Clarkson of the free silver party and a few others were allowed to remain. A resolution was introduced, which was in effect an indorsement of the fusion plan followed by the party during the last campaign, and a commendation of the men who managed the campaign in this state. This didn't suit the middle of the road men a little bit, and Captain William D. Aldredge offered as a substitute a resolution declaring

against fusion, and pledging the party in Missouri for all future time to put its own tickets in the field and not to fuse with any other party. Over this came great discussion, and there was everything except a free fight.

When it came to a vote, the middle-of-the-road men lost by a narrow margin. The vote was 24 against the Aldredge substitute and 21 in favor of it. The original resolution was then adopted. This means that the populist party of the state is going to keep up its fight for free silver, and that it is going to fight to win, and will be willing to unite with all friends of free silver against the advocates of a single gold standard. After the big fight over the resolution, the committee passed a resolution indorsing Chairman Rozelle for the office of labor commissioner.

### A MURDERER MURDERED.

Charles Stevens is Killed, Presumably by a Threatened Witness.

Chillicothe, Mo., Jan. 24.—Chas. Stevens, who was acquitted of murder of William Ellis at the present term of the Circuit court in Livingston county, was found dead in the road a few miles from his home this morning, having been shot through the head some time last night. Since his acquittal it is alleged that he and others of the family have threatened the lives of some of the witnesses who testified against him in the trial, and the supposition is that someone was threatened who would not take the chances of his own life being taken any longer. It is feared that this is the beginning of a feud that may end in further loss of life, as there are men in either faction that will not hesitate to shoot if they think they are in danger.

Stevens, it will be remembered, was indicted and tried for what is known as the hay-stack murder on the night of October 12, 1894. Wm. Ellis, a young man of this city, was called for at his home by someone in a buggy, and that was the last seen of him alive. His charred body was found the next morning in some burning hay stacks on the farm of S. H. Patterson, ten miles south of Chillicothe. The crime was brought home to Stevens, and he was indicted. His recent acquittal was generally denounced as an outrage, that he was the result of perjury on the part of some of his friends. His motive for the murder of Ellis was the alleged intimacy of the latter with Mrs. Stevens previous to her marriage.

It came out in the trial that Stevens had served a term in the Nebraska penitentiary for murder under almost similar circumstances in that State, he having concealed the body of his victim in some hay stacks.

### It Was the Work of Fiends.

Louisville, Kentucky, Jan. 23.—A special to the Evening Post from French Lick Springs, Ind., says: This section of Indiana is greatly excited this morning over the double murder of Samuel Kirby and his wife last night, two of the most prominent and highly respected people of this county. This morning the bodies of Kirby and his wife were discovered in their room, and there were evidences of an awful fight having taken place. Blood stains were all over the walls and floor, and it was evident that more than one man had done the fiendish work, as the telltale tracks in the snow with out showed two different foot prints. An ax was found outside the house stained with blood, showing it had been used to commit the murder. Blood hounds were telegraphed for and were taken to the scene. The dogs soon struck a trail southward, with a posse of men following them. Kirby was 55 year old, and his wife

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### Virginia Items.

And friends if you wish the Virginia news another year.

Mr. Aaron what he does for you, tell him all the news you hear.

Mr. Jones goes to friends in other states that set up 'till eleven.

Good what happens you and what other folks do in 1907.

Ben Vermillion, of Ft. Scott, Kan., moving back to Bates county.

Geo. Jenkins was confined to the house most of last week with a severe cold.

Ernest Judy will teach the spring term of school at Concord.

W. G. Adams, the tax collector, is around calling on the payers.

W. C. Wilson has rented the Elmer Garner farm for 1897.

N. H. Neslerode and Virgil Jenkins hunted the show to Amoret Sunday.

W. A. McElroy and wife were at Mrs. Dudley's office Friday making a deed for some property that he recently sold at Drexel.

The pound and pie party at W. T. Cowan's Friday night was a success.

Those present were: Misses Daisy Downing, Leda Wallace, Birdie Dalton, Sadie Whinnery, Daisy Park, Alice Crooks, Ivey Jenkins, Messrs. Otto Howell, Gordon Wallace, John Comford, Chas. Harold, Lawrence and Walter Wallace, Cary Park, Geo. Crooks, John Allen, Joe Whinnery, Robert King. They all went home at a late hour saying it was good to be there.

Gordon Wallace bought quite a drove of hogs last Saturday he is fixing to feed hogs quite extensively this summer. We will give the particulars of the wedding on the 28th, next week.

The show has come and gone; they were in our town one week, and made the people look happy. Some of the boys got old. They sold a lot of medicine to the old and cripple, so that the doctor will have a rest, and the young folks had a good time during the week. Last Sabbath there were four at each Sabbath school and eight at preaching.

Jefferson Park was very poorly all last week.

The reporter recently called on D. H. Neslerode the whole-souled and all-round jolly good natured farmer and blacksmith of South Grandview.

Mr. Neslerode at present is the senior partner of Dudley and Neslerode, general dealers and shippers of poultry, hickory nuts, pecans and furs. The firm has been, and is now doing every profitable business; their main points of export are K. C., Chicago and Boston. Mr. Neslerode's friends are determined that he shall make the race for commissioner of highways. Dave says that he is not seeking a public position, but if they force him by public settlements to accept this position of trust, that when the time comes he they Jew or Gentile they will have to attend to their road work as prescribed by law.

Our merchants have recently received new goods.

The coldest wave of the winter struck our town Saturday night.

Jack Henderson, of the Nation, was visiting his father-in-law, John Ferguson, last week. His daughter Katie and husband returned home

### Round Prairie Items.

Three Vernon county citizens were on the prairie Saturday and Sunday.

Dixie Ooley has a fine gold watch which she says she got through the mail.

Court was held on our prairie last Saturday at the Reynard school house, resulting in the case being thrown out.

Hog cholera is raging here.

The sick on the prairie are all convalescent.

A couple of stick-tongued fellows, claiming to be stock buyers, were on the prairie last week and staid over night with some of our farmers and cheated them out of their lodging and horse feed.

Prof. G. L. Brown left Saturday for Brookings, South Dakota, to accept a position as professor of mathematics in a school.

Jeff Mook lost some wheat from his granary a week or so ago.

Mr. Schull, who has been visiting relatives on our prairie, returned to his home Monday.

Mrs. C. D. Peeler spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDavitt.

There will be a sale of personal property on the W. C. Stephenson farm Feb. 4th.

CLIMAX.

### Present For Namesake.

Burlington, Iowa, Jan. 22.—One Burlington baby has been honored in an unusual degree by William Jennings Bryan, the late silver presidential candidate. During the election time a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Masdin of this city. Mr. Masdin was a red hot Bryan man, and Mrs. Masdin shared with her husband's enthusiasm. They named their boy "William Jennings Bryan Masdin," and notified Mr. Bryan of the fact. To day a personal letter of congratulations was received from Mr. Bryan, in which was enclosed a crisp \$100 silver certificate for the boy.

### A Mother and Two Children Perish.

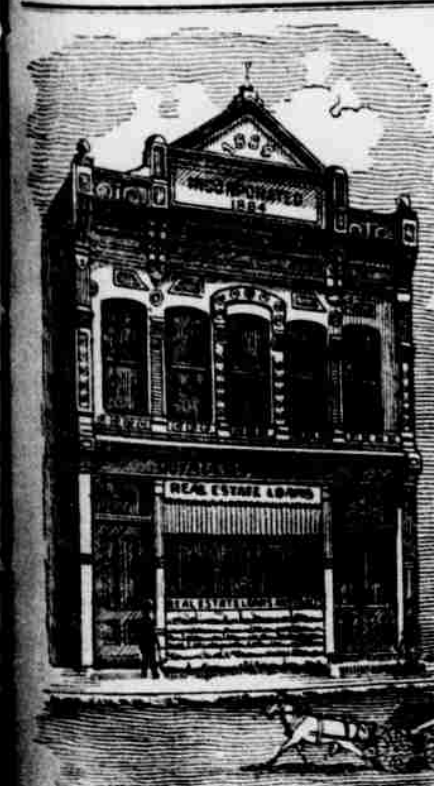
Bedford, Pa., Jan. 24.—The house of William Croyle was completely destroyed by fire to-day, and Mrs. Croyle, with two children, were burned to death. While the fire was raging Mrs. Croyle threw two of their children from the second story to her husband and then returned to a back room for the remaining two children. She was not seen again, when the ruins were searched all that remained of the mother and the two children was their charred trunks. One of the children who was thrown from the window is so badly burned that it will die. The father is also badly burned.

### No Missions Need Apply.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—The "crisis" in the make up of McKinley's Cabinet, which was anxiously awaited by the Republican Congressmen from Missouri so that they could recommend a Missourian, is said to have been side tracked.

"Missouri will not be recognized in the Cabinet," said Congressman Tracey to-day. "At least that is the outlook now." And as the member from the Tomahawk district said this, there was a twinkle in his eye which seemed to indicate that he was not worrying over the fact.

When it was suggested that Major William Warner's boom was thereby frosted, Colonel Tracey merely said: "Filly ought not to have written that letter. That's no way to get the Republican party in Missouri together."



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### NO MERCY FOR PENSION FORGEARS.

Cleveland Pardons Others, but Refuses to Pardon Them.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Bud Creek, sentenced in Arkansas in 1895 to three years' imprisonment for selling liquor to Indians, and R. H. Freeman, convicted (not yet sentenced) in Tennessee of failing to erase marks on spirit barrels, have been pardoned by the President.

The sentence of three months and \$200 fine imposed in West Virginia upon Lewis Nowlin for removing spirits illegally, has been commuted so as to remit the fine and costs, in consideration of the convict's exertions in saving the jail from fire.

Applications for pardons have been denied in the cases of Frank L. Turner, sentenced in Kansas to two years' imprisonment for possessing counterfeit money; Thomas R. Robbins, Jr., sentenced in Missouri to three months and \$1,000 fine for conspiracy; Hiram Emerson, sentenced in Texas to fifteen months and \$100 fine for selling liquor without license, and James A. and Edna R. Iffert, sentenced in Kentucky to one year's imprisonment and fine for forging signatures to pension applications. In this last case the President says: "Those who, through a prostitution of the pension laws and by forgery seek to defraud the government and abuse its benevolent intentions toward old soldiers need not expect to easily obtain clemency at my hands."

### Fought to the Death.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.—There was an exciting fight to the death between two large male leopards confined in a cage of the winter quarters of Lemon Bros.' circus at Argentine. The leopards had been on unfriendly terms for several days, but Keeper Fisher was able to control them. When the fight began there was a scene of the wildest pandemonium, the other animals joining in the hubbub. Circus employees from all over the building ran to the menagerie room. They saw "Zerke," the winner of the battle, standing over the dead body of "Spot." The victor was sucking the dead leopard's blood. Keeper Fisher explains that a display of unusual viciousness made by the animals is caused by their being fed on horse-meat.



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